

OLD TOWN NEWS

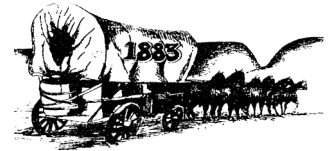
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Welcome to Union Gap

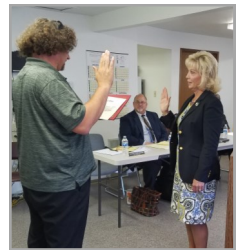


Arlene Fisher has begun her tenure as the next Union Gap City Manager. Ms. Fisher replaces Rod Ottorness who served as City Manager from 2013 to April 2016. Ms. Fisher was sworn in at the City Council's July 25th meeting.

"Rich and I are looking forward to getting involved with the community and various community organizations." "Union Gap has a tremendous potential and is known statewide. I am excited to join the team and keep moving in a positive direction." It is a tremendous community with wonderful employees and citizens", stated Fisher. She added, "I'd like to thank the Union Gap City Council for providing this opportunity."

Ms. Fisher served as Mountlake Terrace City Manager and for the City Cheney as the City Administrator. For over 8 years. Prior to that, she was the Administrative Director for seven years at the City of Liberty Lake, WA.

Ms. Fisher has a Master degree in Public Administration and a BA degree in Business/Finance with a management emphasis from Eastern Washington University. She is a credentialed City Manager with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).






Mayor Wentz administers the oath of office to Arlene Fisher.

Changes are coming to Union Gap




Coming Soon

Cahalan Skate Park



Cahalan Park
2100 So. 18th St



CAHALAN PARK - SKATE PARK PROJECT

City of Union Gap



Ground Breaking Ceremony for The LONGFIBRE ROAD EXTENSION, REGIONAL BELTWAY PHASE 1 PROJECT!

The project's first phase consists of extending Longfibre Road south from Ahtanum Road and crossing Wide Hollow Creek before ending in a roundabout that will also connect with Goodman Road.

Eventually, the roundabout will connect with the planned regional beltway that will run from the Interstate 82-U.S. Highway 97 interchange.



What is happening in Union Gap?



COME LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAMILY HISTORY!

Do you love researching genealogy and family history? Then the Annual Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Fall Workshop is for you. There will be many topics of genealogical history research to choose to attend during 4 different sessions!

Topics include Genealogy Photo Preservation, Military Pension Acts, River Migrations, Immigrant Labor, Washington State Central Archives, Online Foreign Newspapers, Quaker Records, Adoption Family Research & DNA, Catholic Records, Life Aboard Ship & more!

FOR REGISTRATION VISIT WWW.VVGS.NET

OCT 1ST
9AM-4PM



YAKIMA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB AGILITY TRIALS

OCT 21-23
FULLBRIGHT PARK



A Dog Agility Trial is an athletic event that requires conditioning, concentration, training, and teamwork. Dogs and handlers must negotiate an obstacle course while racing against the clock! Last year, 226 dogs were entered with over 1,100 runs! Bring a chair or blanket to sit on the grass and watch the action (non entered dogs are not permitted at event). Adorable furry friends of all sizes will be showing off their skills all weekend!

WWW.YAKIMAVALLEVKENNELCLUB.COM



Yakima Table Tennis Club

The Yakima Table Tennis Club is inviting all interested players to join the fun in Union Gap! All levels of ping pong play are welcome from Beginner to Competitive. A nationally ranked player and coach attends the sessions – offering to help you improve your game! Steve is paid to give lessons all over the Northwest but at our sessions he gives help at no additional

cost. The group is open from ages 12 and up (Only ages 12+ at the sessions please, and 12-15 must be accompanied by adult). Cost is only \$5 per player per night (first night free). Currently meeting every Tuesday from 7-10PM at the Activities Center at the Ahtanum Youth Park. No dues or club to join.

Tuesday October 18th we will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE from 7-10PM – please come and check out the fun at no charge, enjoy some refreshments and see what it's all about! If you don't currently have paddles, we have extras so just bring yourself and maybe a couple of friends, we enjoy the social aspect of our Tuesday evening play very much! Ping Pong is the #1 brain sport so come check it out – call 248-9862 for more information.

Did you know?



The film "In Dubious Battle" is making it's debut at Film Festivals in Venice and Toronto this month!

The Central Washington Agricultural Museum provided some of the vehicles and props used during filming when the crew was in Yakima Valley last year! James Franco and crew were very happy to have found

items in such great condition and trucks that were actually running! They said it's not usually so easy, but we already knew about all the treasures displayed at the 15+ acre museum in Union Gap! They preserve, restore and display the agricultural and pioneer history of our Valley for the education of future generations and it's always free to visit! Find information and links to the museum on our website at www.visituniongap.com



COMMUNITY NEWS



Engine 96 in Union Gap talking about Fire Safety

Engine 96 Crew from A-Shift with Lt. Sloan, FF Jensen, and FF Gresham are talking to the kids in the Union Gap Summer program about Fire Safety. FF Jensen is a Youth Fire Interventionist and took time to talk to the kids about the dangers of fire. One topic we always cover is how a split second of curiosity with fire can cause the loss of belongings, a home, even lives of you or your family. After the talk, the kids had the opportunity to tour the Fire Engine!



THE SENIOR CORNER



PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE

People For People Meals-On-Wheels would like to invite seniors over 60 to the Union Gap Senior Center for lunch.

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. M/T/Th/F, please call our office at (509) 426-2601 to register for a meal before 3:30pm the day before to assure a meal will be ready and waiting for you. For your convenience we also offer lunch at these sites: Harman Senior Center, Southeast Community Center, Selah Civic Center, Sunnyside Senior Center and Grandview Senior Center. Please call our office or look at our website www.mealsonwheelsyakima.com, if you have questions about the menu. We look forward to seeing you for lunch!



Family of Services

Memorial Hospital will be offering a 6-week My Health My Life workshop at No Cost at the Union Gap Senior Center. The workshop will be every Monday from 8:45-11:15 a.m., beginning October 3rd.

This six-week program will help you improve your health as you learn about:

- Healthy Eating • Weight Management • Getting a good night sleep
- Preventing falls and improving balance • Managing your chronic disease
- Communicating with your MD • Managing your Medications
- Pain Management • Managing Difficult Emotions • Problem Solving
- Goal Setting

Who should attend?

People living with: arthritis, diabetes, asthma, depression, obesity, heart disease, pain, cancer-related illness or any other chronic illness.

You don't need to be ill to attend the class—caregivers and family support persons are also welcome.

Participants will receive a certificate and gifts at the end of the six weeks. Please call our office at Meals-On-Wheels (509) 426-2601 to register for the class by Friday Sept. 23rd.

Police Department News

The Bucket List

The Union Gap Police Department recently was privileged to spend the afternoon with 97 year old Ken Hansen. Ken is a WWII veteran who served in the United States Navy. He has always been supportive of local law enforcement and said one of the things on his "bucket list" was to ride around with an officer. SSgt Rivera and Lt. McKinley had an opportunity to have lunch with Ken at Old Country Buffet. We were honored to grant his wish and let him ride with SSgt Rivera.



National Night Out 2016!

A great turnout and lots of fun to be had at the Annual National Night Out at Loudon Park in Union Gap! The Union Gap Police Officers were having a great time with the crowd, thanks for all you do!



CONGRATULATIONS!

On July 1st, 2016 Ryan Bonsen was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Cobb. Union Gap is proud of Sergeant Bonsen and we know he will serve and protect all our citizens.



Officer Terrly Way is on the left and Detective Curtis Santucci is on the right.



On September 11, 2016 The Union Gap Police Department was invited to join with other Police Departments, Fire Departments and Active Duty Military from around Washington State to carry our flag during the singing of the National Anthem at Century Link Field prior to the Seattle Seahawks game. Officers described the event as a "great honor and very humbling" to participate in the pregame ceremony to commemorate those who lost their lives during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Thank you
Lydia Warehime



13 years of service
to the City of Union Gap

We wish Lydia a good retirement. She will be missed
as the senior citizen liaison.



Thank you
Michael Stillwaugh



20 year of service as a Public
Works Employee

Thank you Mike! The City of Union Gap is THANKFULL
for such dedicated employee.

Public Works News



The City of Union Gap is updating its Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) governed by RCW 36.70A. Comprehensive Plans establish policies for community growth and development for the next 20 years. Most jurisdictions in the state are required to adopt a Comprehensive Plan consistent with the GMA and to update their plan every eight years.

Updating the Comprehensive Plan is a collaborative and arduous process that will start this year and continue into next year. There is a **tentative schedule** for completing the remaining work. Public participation is a key component of this effort. A **Public Participation Plan** has been created for two purposes. Firstly, to identify potential stakeholders and invite their participation in the planning process, and secondly, to guide public participation efforts throughout the process to ensure early and continuous involvement in decision-making. Efforts to ensure public participation will continue to evolve throughout the life of the project.

The Planning Commission will be reviewing different aspects of the Comprehensive Plan update during their meetings for the remaining 2016 and into 2017. The planning commission meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month @ 7pm in the City Hall Annex located at 3103 2nd St. For any schedule changes, please visit our website at www.cityofuniongap.com.

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- Union Gap Tourism: <http://visituniongap.com>
- Xpress Bill Pay: www.xpressbillpay.com

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City Hall	248.0432
Fire	575.6060
Park Reservations	248.0432
Treasurer / Clerk	248.0432
Utility Billing: Water, Sewer & Garbage	248.0434
Newsletter	248.9202

3106 FIRST STREET

Building / Planning	575.3638
Code Enforcement	575.3638
Public Works	225.3524
Newsletter	225.3524

1800 RAINIER PLACE

Animal Control	248.0430
Crime Prevention	457.5927
Police	248.0430

1000 AHTANUM ROAD

Senior Citizen Center	248.2668
Activities Center & Barn Rentals	575.6448

TOURISM & TRANSIT

Tourism Promoter	575.8770
Union Gap Transit	574.8000
Union Gap Transit TTY	574.6926

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